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A VISION OF THE FUTURE FORCED CLINT BARTON, A.K.A. HAWKEYE, TO KILL HIS LONGTIME FRIEND AND ALLY, THE HULK.

HE WENT TO TRIAL AND WAS ACQUITTED OF ALL CHARGES. THE PUBLIC SEES HIM AS A SAVIOR. THE SUPER HERO COMMUNITY SEES HIM AS A PARIAH.

BUT HOW DOES HE SEE HIMSELF?

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HAWKEYE'S CROSS-COUNTRY JOURNEY OF REDEMPTION LED HIM TO A RESERVATION IN NEW MEXICO WHERE THE WATER SUPPLY HAD BEEN CONTAMINATED. WHEN HE TRIED TO INVESTIGATE THE CAUSE, HE RAN AFOUL OF AN ARMED MILITIA. LUCKILY, THE LOCAL DEPUTY, RED WOLF, ARRIVED IN TIME TO KEEP CLINT FROM BEING OVERWHELMED, BUT THEN THEY WERE BOTH ATTACKED BY HYDRO-MAN!

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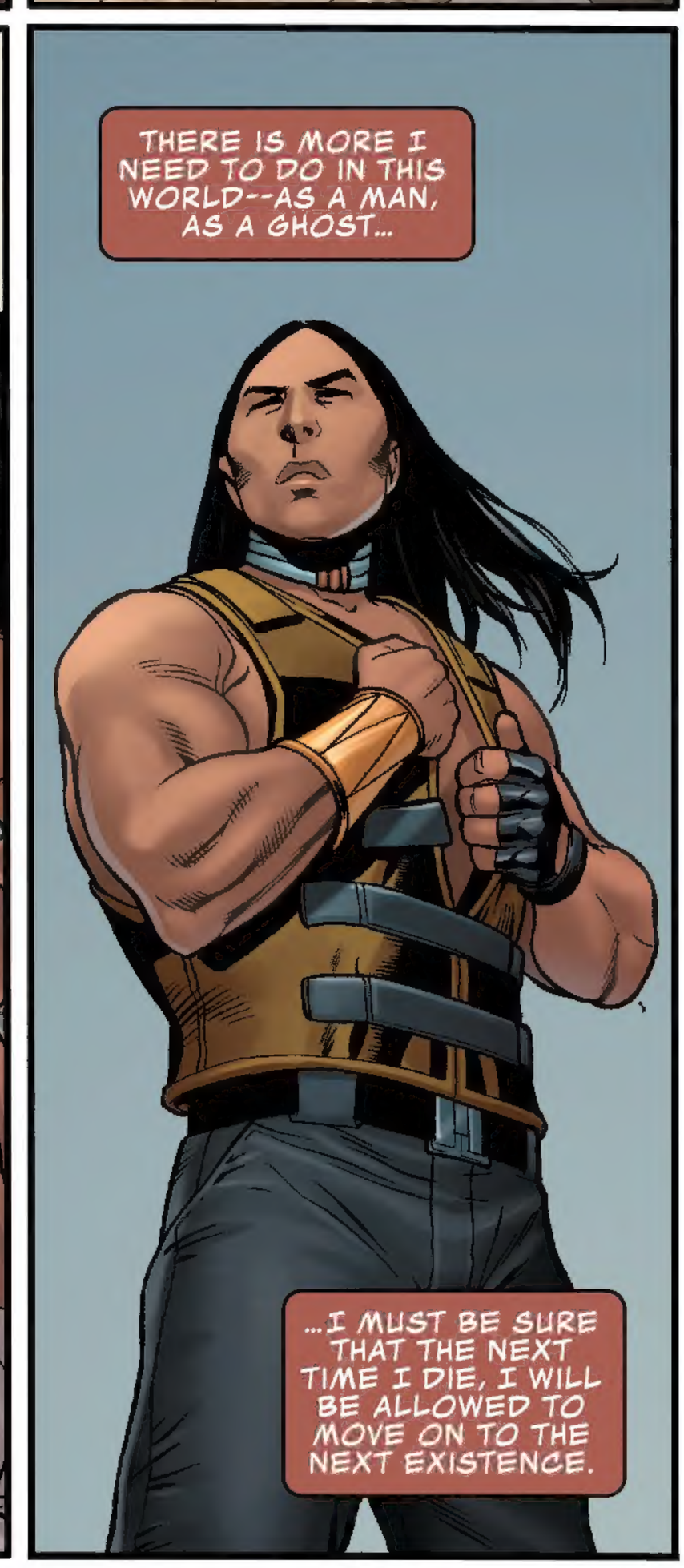
THEN.
MY MEMORIES HAVE BEGUN TO FADE.
NOT THE MEMORIES OF WHO I AM, JUST THE MEMORIES OF WHO I WAS.
SOME REMAIN INTACT, BUT ONLY A FEW, AND THE REST...THEY ARE THE EARLY MORNING CLOUDS THAT WILL BURN OFF AS THE SUN JOURNEYS ACROSS THE SKY.
I AM, I THINK, A GHOST. A CLOUD THAT CANNOT BE COMPLETELY BURNED AWAY BY THE SUN.

I KNOW THAT IN ANOTHER SPACE AND TIME I LIVED AS A RIGHTEOUS MAN.
BUT SOMETHING HAPPENED TO ME. PERHAPS SOME WOULD CALL IT TIME TRAVEL. OR PERHAPS IT WAS SOMETHING ELSE.

PERHAPS I DIED, AS ALL THAT LIVES MUST DO.
BUT IF I DIED, I FOUND NO PEACE IN THE AFTERLIFE. INSTEAD, I AWOKE IN THE FUTURE, WITH FADING MEMORIES OF WHO I ONCE HAD BEEN.

IN MY DAY, I COULD COMMUNE WITH WOLVES--A GIFT FROM BOTH THE SPIRIT OF THE LAND AND THE SPIRIT OF THE SKY.
BUT THAT POWER HAS LEFT ME. OR I HAVE FORGOTTEN HOW TO USE IT, AND NOW I AM LESS THAN THE MAN I WAS.

I AM A GHOST OF MYSELF, TRAPPED IN A SHELL OF FLESH AND BLOOD, REPENTING FOR A SIN OF WHICH I HAVE NO MEMORY.
THIS IS WHAT I AM BECOMING...A MAN OUT OF PLACE AND TIME, TRYING TO FIND HIS WAY. LOST.


THERE IS MORE I NEED TO DO IN THIS WORLD--AS A MAN, AS A GHOST...
...I MUST BE SURE THAT THE NEXT TIME I DIE, I WILL BE ALLOWED TO MOVE ON TO THE NEXT EXISTENCE.

NOW.
DON'T FIGHT IT! LET THE WATER FILL YOUR LUNGS!
I DO NOT REMEMBER IF THERE WERE MEN LIKE THIS IN MY WORLD--MEN WITH THE POWER OF GODS.
HAVE I FOUGHT SUCH BEINGS BEFORE?
THIS ONE--THIS MAN MADE OF WATER, HE IS GOING TO KILL ME.
I AM GOING TO DIE. AGAIN.
WHICH SEEMS POINTLESS, GIVEN THAT I WAS BROUGHT THROUGH TIME AND SPACE TO LEARN A LESSON I HAVE YET TO LEARN.
CAN'T... BREATHE...
"DUDE, THAT WATER GUY IS ABOUT TO KILL DEPUTY RED WOLF AND HAWKEYE!"

YEAH, I CAN SEE THAT. THING IS...

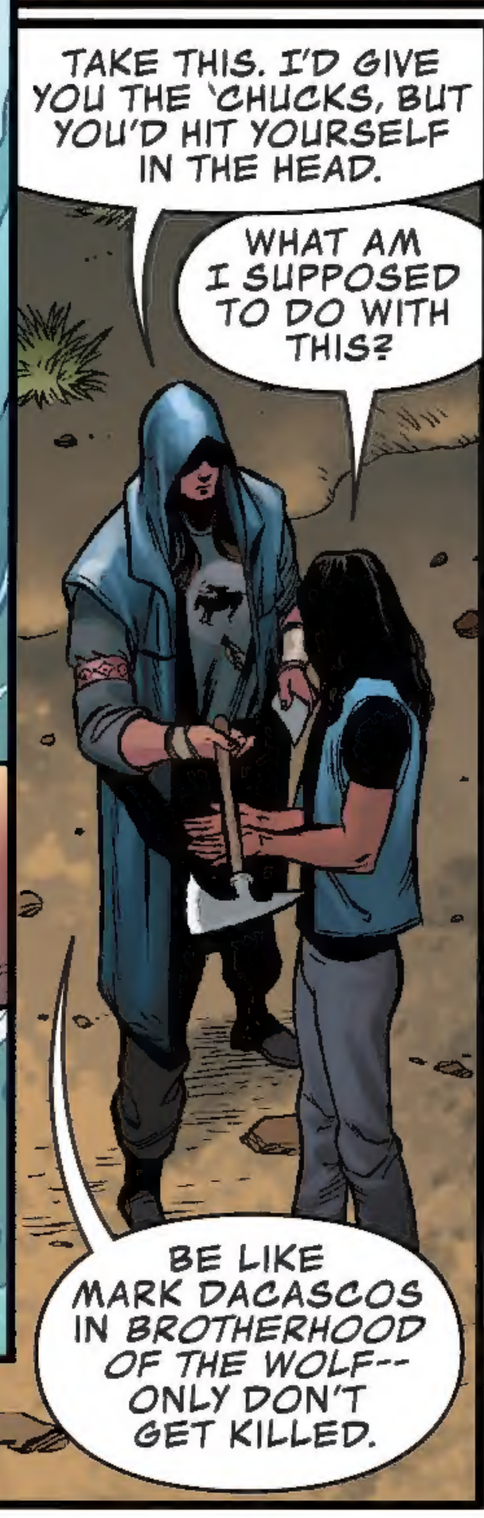
...WE *AIN'T* LETTIN' THAT HAPPEN, FRANK.

WE? HOW ARE WE GONNA STOP A GUY THAT'S MADE OF WATER, SILAS?

WE'RE INDIGENOUS, FIRST-PERSON, ABORIGINAL ***ASSKICKERS*** FROM THE SWEET MEDICINE INDIAN RESERVATION.

**SILAS AND FRANK FIREHEART.**

"THIS IS *OUR* LAND, AND IT'S UP TO US TO PROTECT IT. BESIDES, DEPUTY RED WOLF'S OKAY FOR A COP, AND HAWKEYE IS A ***BADASS.*** WE CAN'T LET THEM DIE."



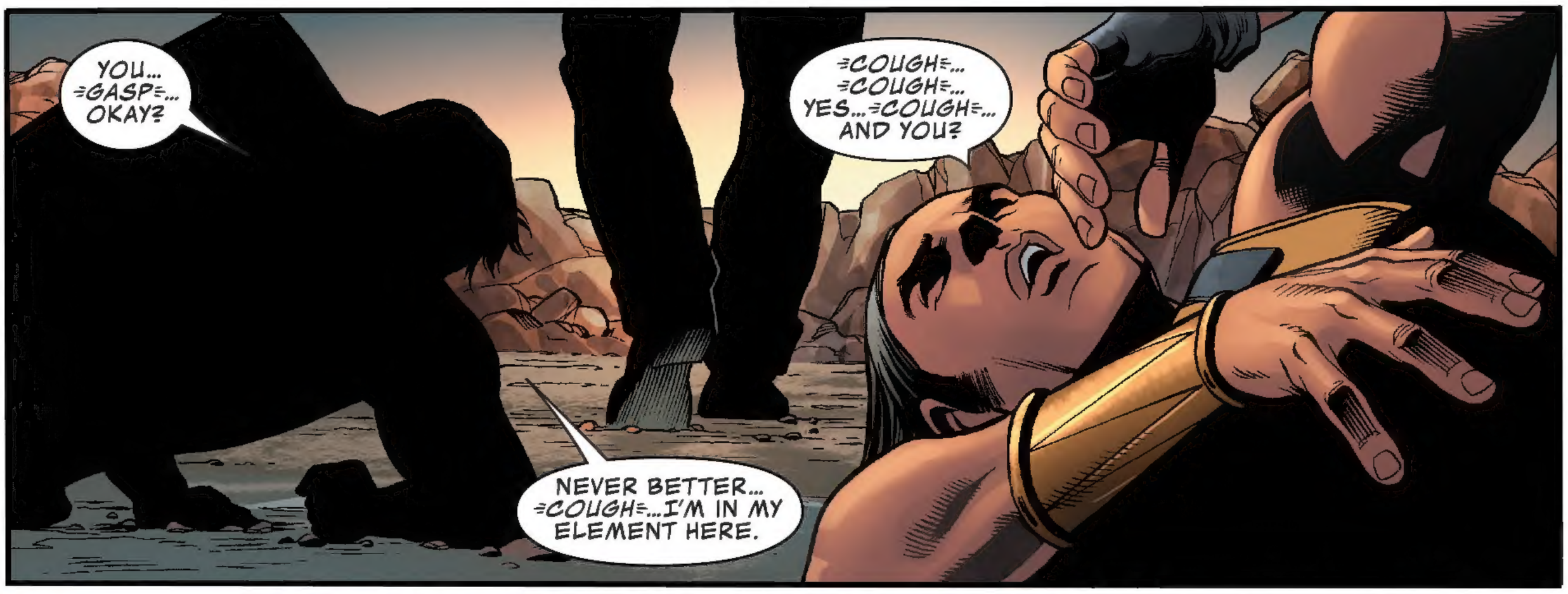
WHERE ARE YOUR JOKES NOW, MR. AVENGER?!
WHEN YOU GET TO SUPER HERO HELL, TELL 'EM HYDRO-MAN SENT YOU! NOT WATER WIZARD! NOT HYDRON!
ME! MORRIS "HYDRO-MAN" BENCH!

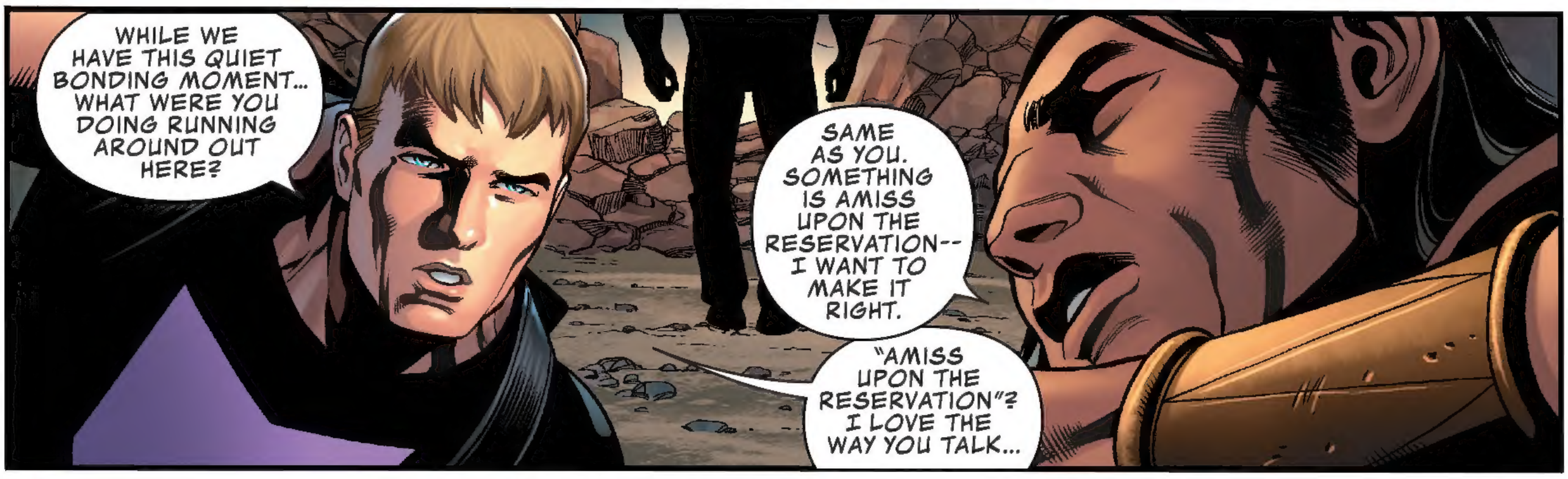
MORRIS!
WHAT THE #$@% ARE YOU DOING?!

I GAVE EXPLICIT ORDERS-- NO KILLING!
WE NEED TO KNOW WHO THESE MEN ARE, HOW MUCH THEY KNOW, AND IF ANYONE ELSE KNOWS ABOUT THIS PLACE.

BUT, MR. BECKAR... THIS GUY--HE'S AN AVENGER.
CAN'T I KILL HIM, AND WE INTERROGATE THE OTHER ONE?
PUT THEM BOTH DOWN!

OH, MAN...THIS SUCKS.


YOU... =GASP=... OKAY?
=COUGH=... =COUGH=... YES...=COUGH=... AND YOU?
NEVER BETTER... =COUGH=...I'M IN MY ELEMENT HERE.


WHILE WE HAVE THIS QUIET BONDING MOMENT... WHAT WERE YOU DOING RUNNING AROUND OUT HERE?
SAME AS YOU. SOMETHING IS AMISS UPON THE RESERVATION-- I WANT TO MAKE IT RIGHT.
"AMISS UPON THE RESERVATION"? I LOVE THE WAY YOU TALK...

...HOPEFULLY WE'LL LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO HAVE PLENTY OF CONVERSATIONS.
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?!

BOSS, I'M SORRY. IT'S JUST THAT BARTON IS AN AVENGER, AND THE OTHER GUY IS A COP, AND...WELL... I'M HYDRO-MAN.
HYDRO-MAN DOESN'T PLAY NICE. I'M AN ELEMENTAL FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH. I AM THE GREAT FLOOD--
MORRIS...

...SHUT UP!
WE HIRED YOU FOR TWO REASONS, AND NEITHER OF THEM WAS KILLING PEOPLE THAT COULD BRING MORE ATTENTION TO THE OPERATION.

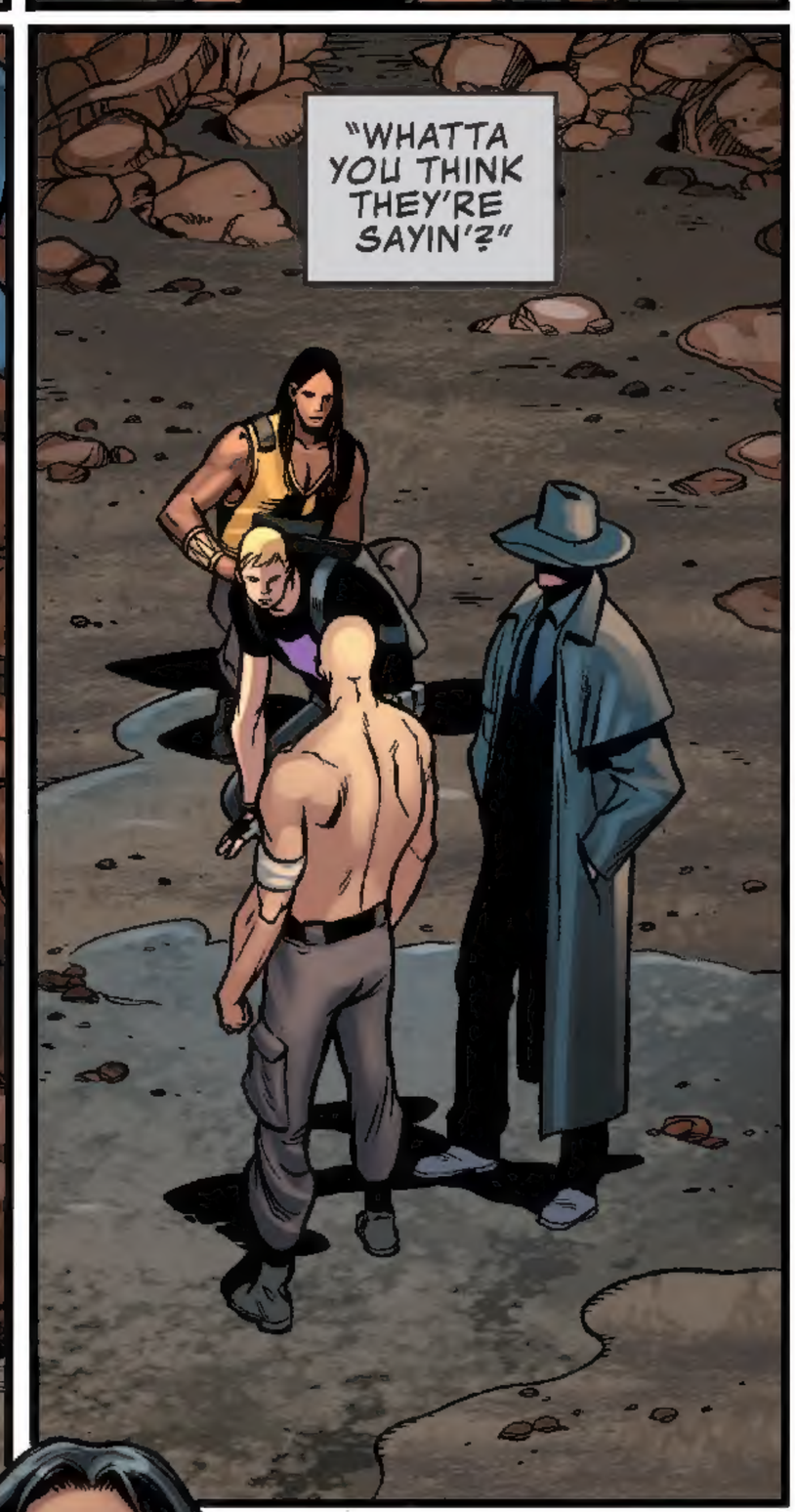
LET'S SEE HOW MUCH THEY KNOW.

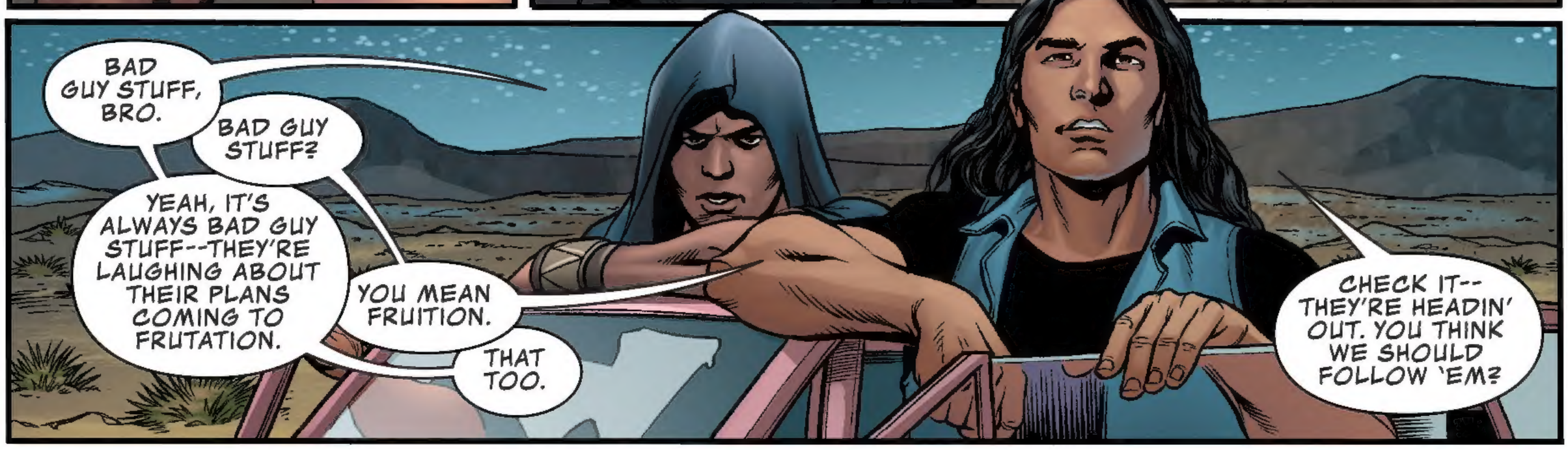
THAT'S FOR SHOOTING ME WITH AN ARROW.
ONLY THING WORSE WOULD'VE BEEN IF YOU USED A LAWN DART.
THWAAK

YOU CALL THAT A KICK?
YOUR MOTHER KISSES WITH MORE FEELING--GRANTED, I HAD TO PAY HER.

WHY ARE YOU TAUNTING HIM?
I'M MESSIN' WITH HIS MIND--CREATING A TACTICAL ADVANTAGE. YOU'LL SEE.

WE HAVE TO ASSUME THE WORST--THAT THE SECRECY OF THIS OPERATION IS BLOWN.
THEN LET'S JUST KILL THESE TWO, AND CALL IN FOR MORE SECURITY FORCES. AS IT IS, WE'RE OPERATING WITH A MINIMAL CREW...
...WE CAN'T HOLD OFF A SIGNIFICANT ASSAULT.


"WHATTA YOU THINK THEY'RE SAYIN'?"


BAD GUY STUFF, BRO.
BAD GUY STUFF?
YEAH, IT'S ALWAYS BAD GUY STUFF--THEY'RE LAUGHING ABOUT THEIR PLANS COMING TO FRUTATION.
YOU MEAN FRUITION.
THAT TOO.
CHECK IT--THEY'RE HEADIN' OUT. YOU THINK WE SHOULD FOLLOW 'EM?

FRANK, I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE DOIN' THIS, BRO--WE'RE FOLLOWING THE BAD GUYS. WE'RE GONNA DO SOME SUPER HERO STUFF!

IF YOU SAY SO.

THIS IS SO AWESOME, DUDE! WE'RE LIKE VAL KILMER IN *THUNDERHEART!*

ONLY WE'RE REAL INDIANS.

MOST DEFINITELY.

SEEMS LIKE WE'VE BEEN DRIVING FOREVER. HOW FAR HAVE WE GONE?

I DON'T KNOW...

...THE ODOMETER IS BROKEN.

MAYBE...MAYBE WE'VE GONE TOO FAR. YOU KNOW? THIS IS WHERE ALL THAT TOXIC WASTE WAS DUMPED.

THIS IS OUR LAND. THE TOXIC WASTE WAS DUMPED HERE--IT POISONED OUR WATER, AND NO ONE CARES. IN THE 21ST CENTURY, WE'RE STILL BEING KILLED.

DEPUTY RED WOLF AND HAWKEYE COME ASKING QUESTIONS, AND THEY GET ATTACKED BY THESE SKETCHY DUDES. DO YOU GET THAT?

WARNING

TOXIC WASTE

I GET ALL OF THAT. BUT WE DON'T EVEN HAVE SUPER-POWERS--UNLESS YOU COUNT BEING PRE-DIABETIC AS A POWER.

WHATEVER IS HAPPENING HERE--IT'S BIGGER THAN US. THERE'S A GUY OUT THERE THAT'S *MADE OF WATER.*

I'M DONE PLAYING THE VICTIM. I CAN DIE FROM POVERTY OR POISONED BY CONTAMINATED WATER--OR I CAN DIE FIGHTING BACK.

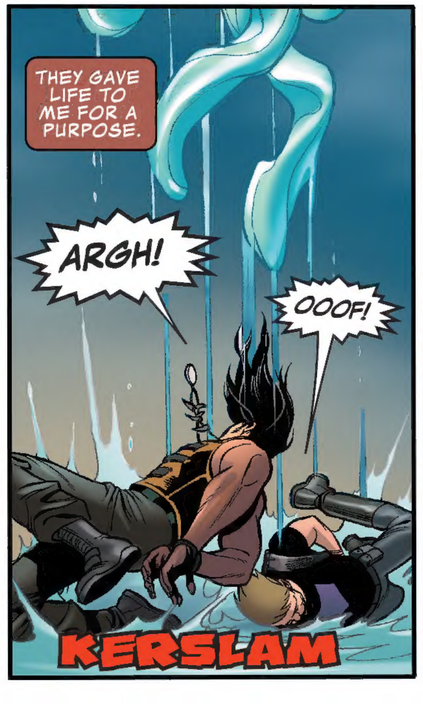
LIVE ON YOUR KNEES, OR DIE ON YOUR FEET.

LOOK, I GET IT--SOMETHING BAD IS GOING DOWN. BUT DO YOU REALLY THINK--

DUDE... WHAT THE HELL IS *THAT?*

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT THAT IS...

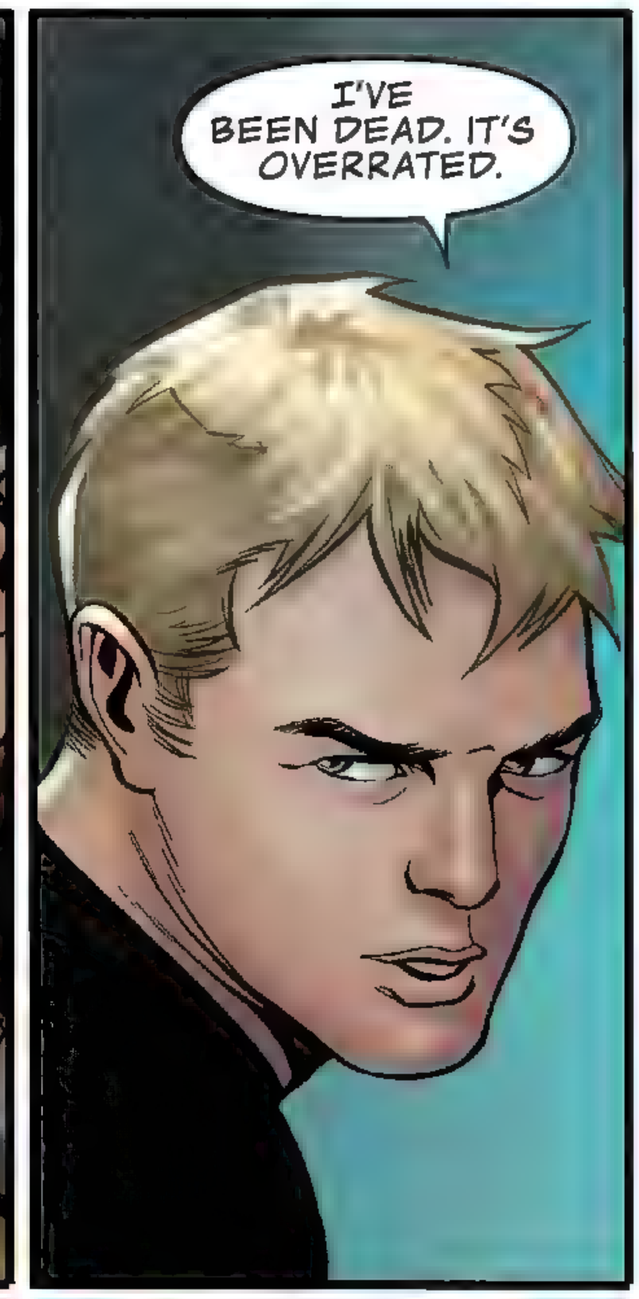
...THAT'S A WATER PUMPING STATION.
WHAT THE HELL IS IT DOING ON THE *REZ*?
YOU MEAN WHY ARE GREEDY WHITE MEN STEALING OUR WATER, WHEN THE STUFF WE HAVE TO DRINK IS *POISONED*?
SURE. THAT'S WHAT I MEANT.
HEY! THERE THEY ARE!



YOU ARE SAYING THAT WE ARE GOING TO DIE?
YET IT IS UP TO ME TO DISCOVER THAT PURPOSE...

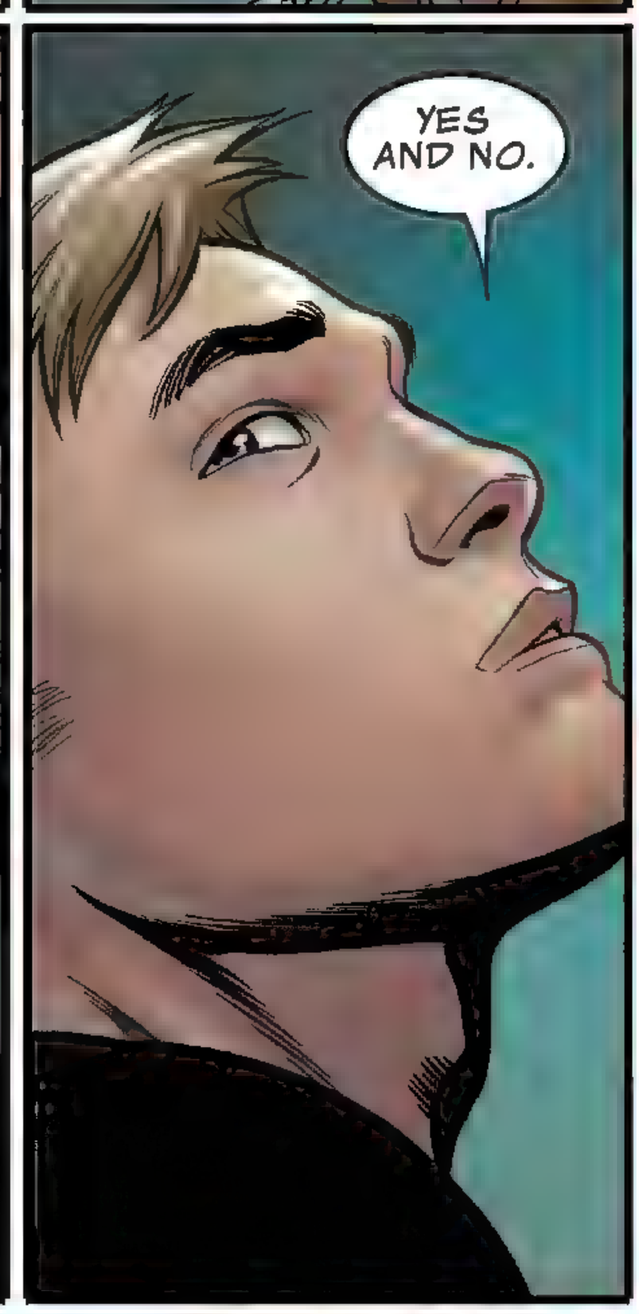
DYING MIGHT BE TAKING IT A BIT TOO FAR.
JUST AS IT'S UP TO EACH TREE AND EACH DROP OF RAIN TO FIND ITS PURPOSE.

I DO NOT FEAR DEATH.
I THINK I KNOW WHY I AM HERE.


I'VE BEEN DEAD. IT'S OVERRATED.

YOU HAVE A PLAN?

A PLAN?


YES AND NO.

YES AND NO?
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

GOOD QUESTION...

...YES, I DO NOT HAVE A PLAN.
AND NO, I DON'T NEED A PLAN.
I UNDERSTAND WHAT THE SPIRITS WANT OF ME.

THAT MAKES NO SENSE.
I SEE IT.

ONCE YOU GET TO KNOW ME, IT WILL MAKE PERFECT SENSE.
ALL I MUST DO IS STAY ALIVE TO SERVE MY PURPOSE.

I KNOW THE DEPUTY HERE HAS BEEN SNOOPING AROUND FOR WEEKS--IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE HE MADE IT OUT THIS FAR.
BUT WHO SENT YOU? WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
I WAS JUST PASSING THROUGH TOWN, MINDING MY OWN BUSINESS. LUCKY FOR YOU I SHOWED UP...

...BECAUSE YOUR LAMEBRAIN GOONS CAN'T TIE PEOPLE UP WORTH A DAMN.
GOOD HELP IS SO HARD TO FIND THESE DAYS.
ROPES MAY NOT HOLD YOU, BUT MORRIS HERE WILL. HE SAYS YOU'RE AN AVENGER.
WHAT ARE THE AVENGERS DOING OUT HERE? WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
GIVE ME FIVE MINUTES ALONE WITH HIM, AND I CAN GET HIM TO TALK.

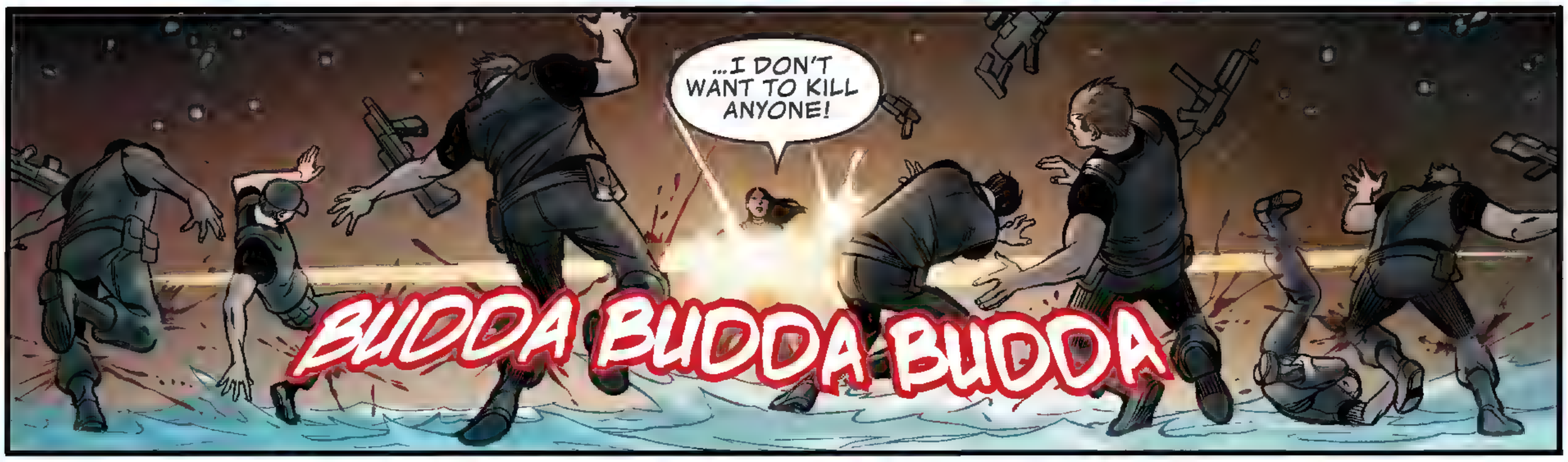
OH, BIG BAD WET WILLY'S GONNA MAKE ME TALK?
HOW 'BOUT THIS--YOU GIVE ME AN ENEMA, AND THAT'S ALL YOU GET OUTTA CLINT BARTON?

YOU SONOVA...

...MY NAME IS HYDRO-MAN!
DON'T KILL THEM!
WE NEED INFORMATION!
THWAM
SAY MY NAME!
I FORGOT! IS IT SLIP-N-SLIDE?!

STAY DOWN...
BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA

HYDRO-MAN! SAY IT!
BETSY-WETSY?


...I DON'T WANT TO KILL ANYONE!
BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA

ARGH! YOU SHOT MY LEG!
AND YOU WILL LIVE TO TELL THE STORY.
HYDRO-MAN!
THE BED-WETTER?
HYDRO-MAN!
PUDDLE-FACE?
SAY MY NAME ONE TIME BEFORE I--
BEFORE YOU WET YOURSELF?

KERSPLOOSH

NOOOO!

WE'RE DOIN' IT!

TOLD YOU! NO ONE MESSES WITH THE FIREHEART COUSINS!

THWAK
THWACK

TELL ME, BARTON...

...THIS RIGHT HERE...

...IS THIS PART OF NOT HAVING A PLAN?

SEE--I TOLD YOU IT WOULD START TO MAKE SENSE!

IT'S MORE FUN THIS WAY!

MAKING IT UP AS WE GO ALONG!

OH, MAN-- ALMOST FORGOT ABOUT THIS GUY.

ENOUGH!

KERSPLASH

I'LL KILL YOU ALL!

LOOK OUT, KID!

HEY, FIRE HYDRANT!

PUT DOWN DEPUTY RED WOLF-- OR ELSE!

OR WHAT, PUNK?!

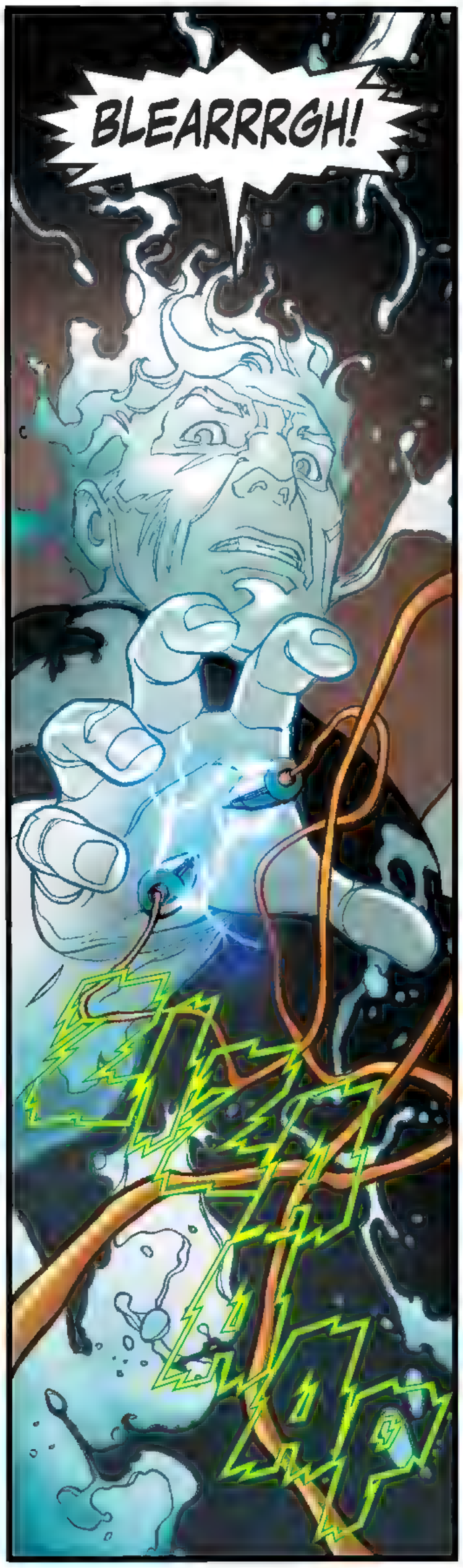
TRY ME.

I'M GONNA DROWN YOU!

OH YEAH?

I'VE GOT SOMETHING FOR YOU.

UH-OH...


BLEARRRGH!

SPLAASH
THAT'S HOW WE HANDLE BUSINESS ON THE REZ.

KID...THAT WAS TOTALLY BADASS.

TELL ME ABOUT IT. I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IF THIS THING WOULD WORK.

JOB WELL DONE, SILAS FIREHEART.

YOU'RE NEVER GONNA STOP TALKING ABOUT THIS, ARE YOU?

NEVER IS A LONG TIME. BUT PROBABLY NEVER.

WE MUST DETERMINE IF THE OTHERS ARE SUFFICIENTLY INCAPACITATED.

SUFFICIENTLY INCAPACITATED?
I LOVE THE WAY YOU TALK, WOLF.

HOURS LATER...

...I CAN ALREADY TELL YOU, THIS IS GOING TO BE A JURISDICTIONAL NIGHTMARE. I'M STILL TRYING TO SORT OUT WHAT HAPPENED HERE.

THE TOXIC WASTE LEAK AND THE CONTAMINATED WATER WERE BOTH PART OF A RUSE TO DRAW ATTENTION AWAY FROM SOMETHING MUCH BIGGER...

DRINKABLE WATER WAS DISCOVERED ON RESERVATION LAND--A LARGE UNDERGROUND RESERVOIR.

OASIS SPRINGS WAS STEALING WATER THAT BELONGS TO THE TRIBE.

IF IT WASN'T FOR FRANK AND SILAS FIREHEART, THESE MEN WOULD HAVE CONTINUED TO STEAL THE WATER.

NOW, THANKS TO THEM, THE EASTERN KEEWAZI CONTROL THE LARGEST SOURCE OF WATER IN THE STATE.

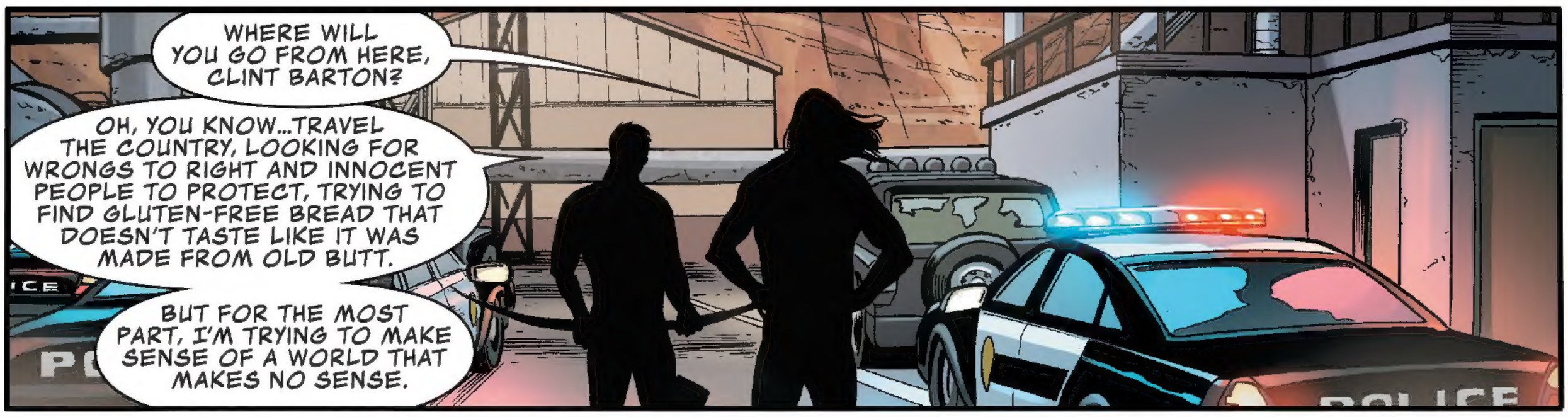
THIS IS WHEN THE BAD GUYS SAY, "AND WE WOULD'VE GOTTEN AWAY WITH IT TOO, IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU MEDDLING KIDS."

WHAT?

YOU'RE AN ODD ONE, WOLF. I CAN'T FIGURE YOU OUT.

I AM HAVING TROUBLE FIGURING MY OWN SELF OUT.

JOIN THE CLUB.


WHERE WILL YOU GO FROM HERE, CLINT BARTON?
OH, YOU KNOW...TRAVEL THE COUNTRY, LOOKING FOR WRONGS TO RIGHT AND INNOCENT PEOPLE TO PROTECT, TRYING TO FIND GLUTEN-FREE BREAD THAT DOESN'T TASTE LIKE IT WAS MADE FROM OLD BUTT.
BUT FOR THE MOST PART, I'M TRYING TO MAKE SENSE OF A WORLD THAT MAKES NO SENSE.
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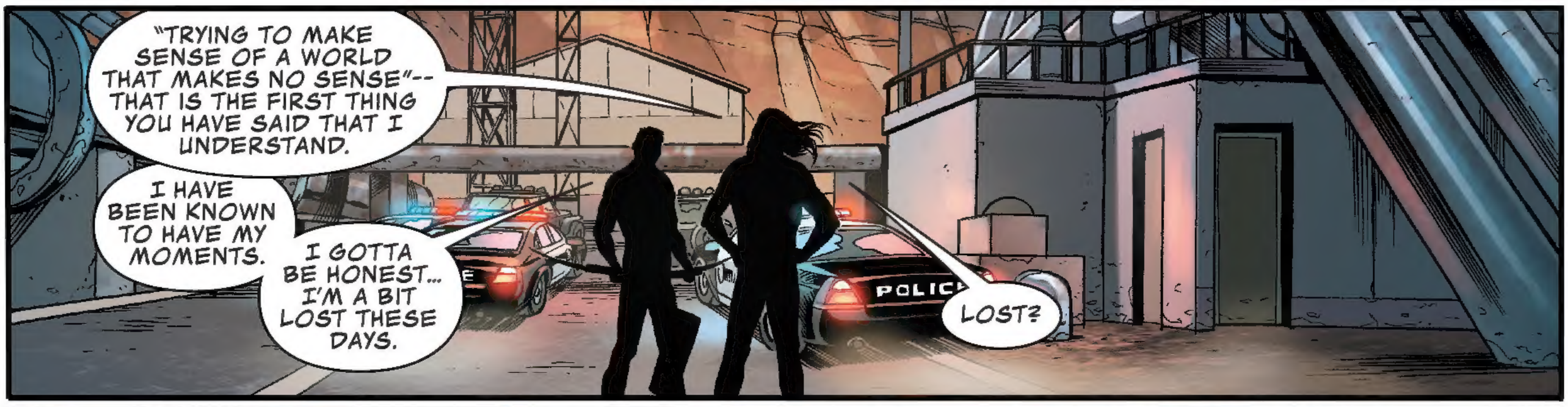
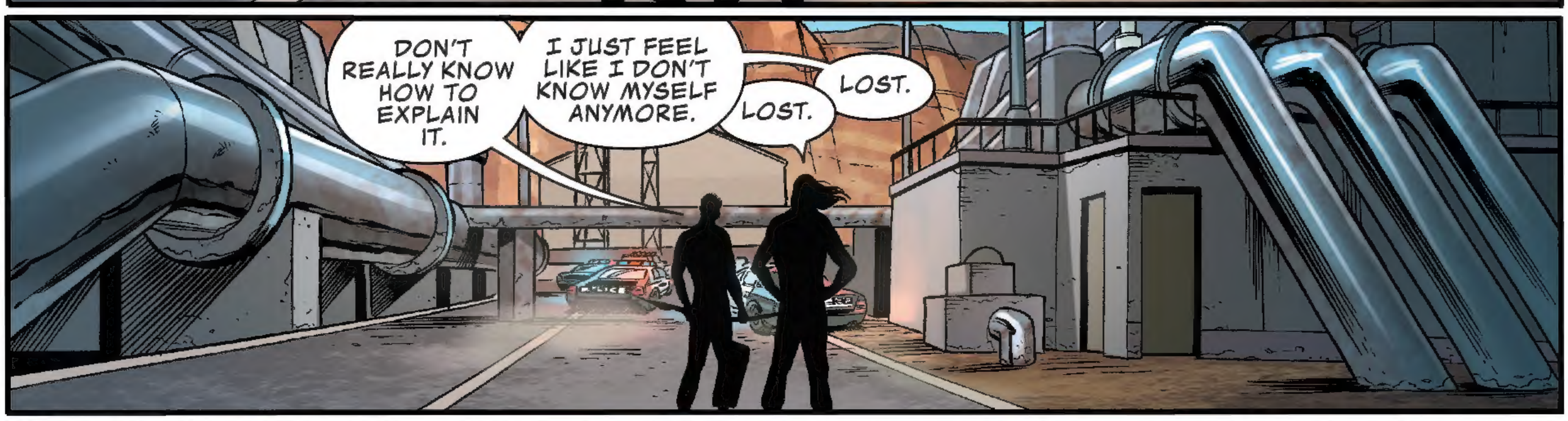
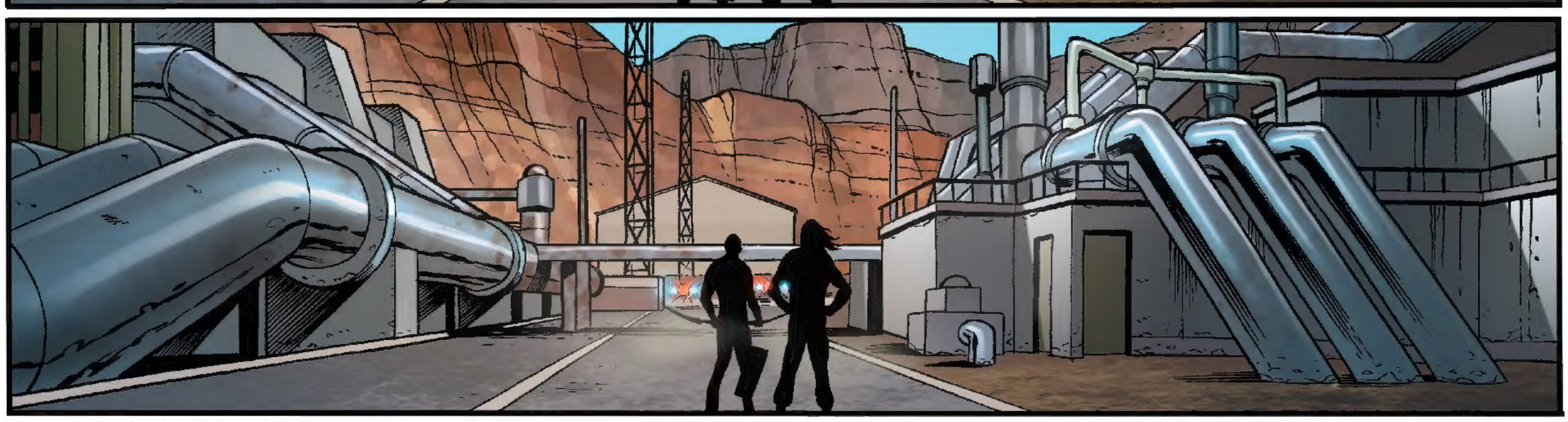
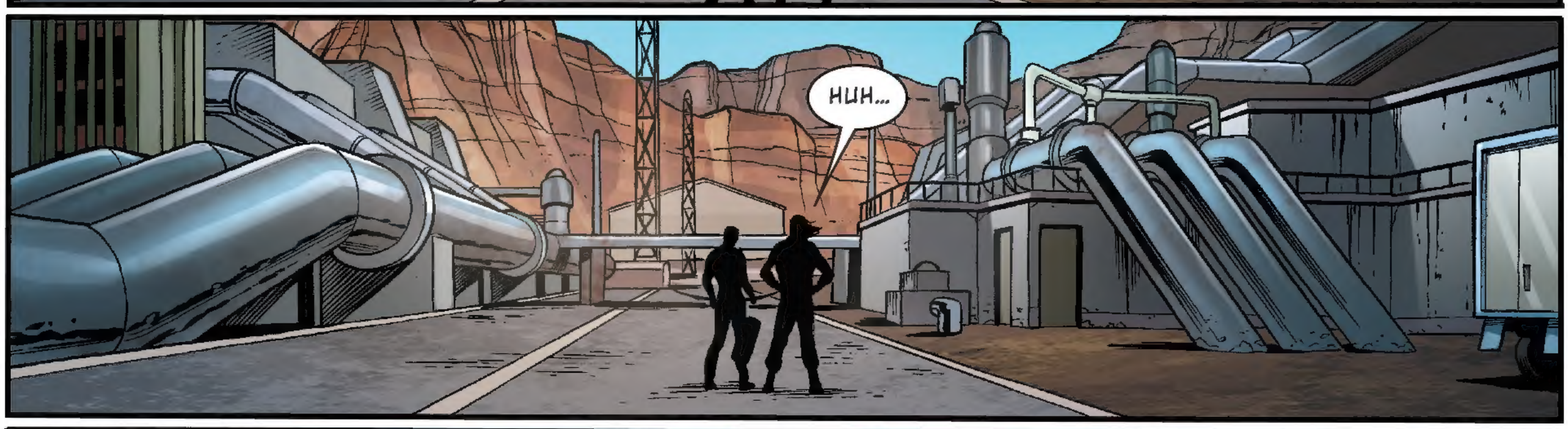

"TRYING TO MAKE SENSE OF A WORLD THAT MAKES NO SENSE"-- THAT IS THE FIRST THING YOU HAVE SAID THAT I UNDERSTAND.
I HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO HAVE MY MOMENTS.
I GOTTA BE HONEST... I'M A BIT LOST THESE DAYS.
LOST?


DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW TO EXPLAIN IT.
I JUST FEEL LIKE I DON'T KNOW MYSELF ANYMORE.
LOST.
LOST.

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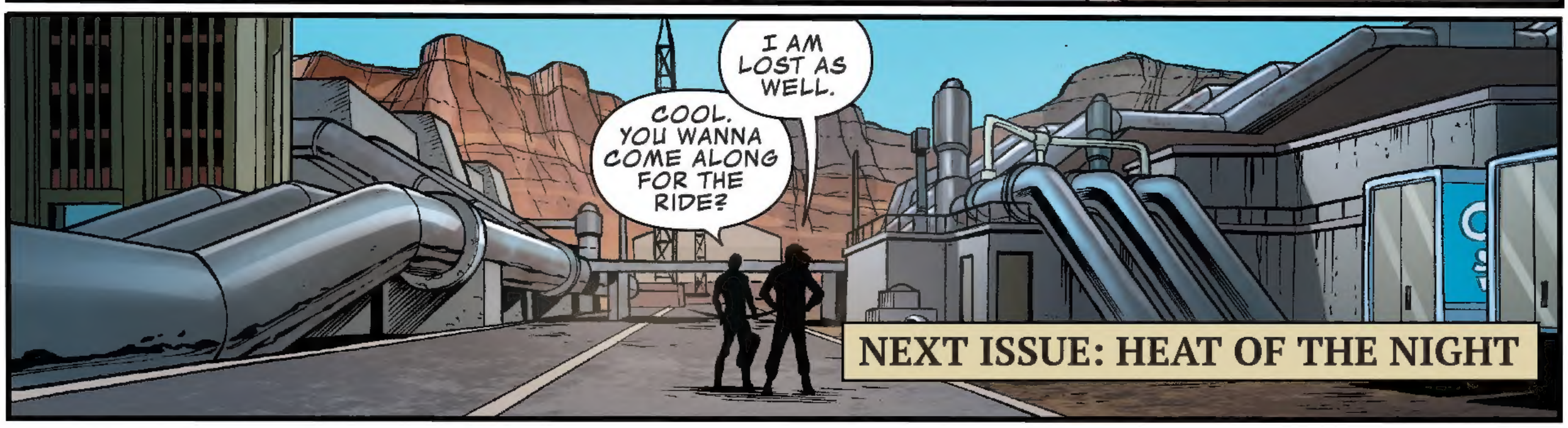
I AM LOST AS WELL.
COOL. YOU WANNA COME ALONG FOR THE RIDE?
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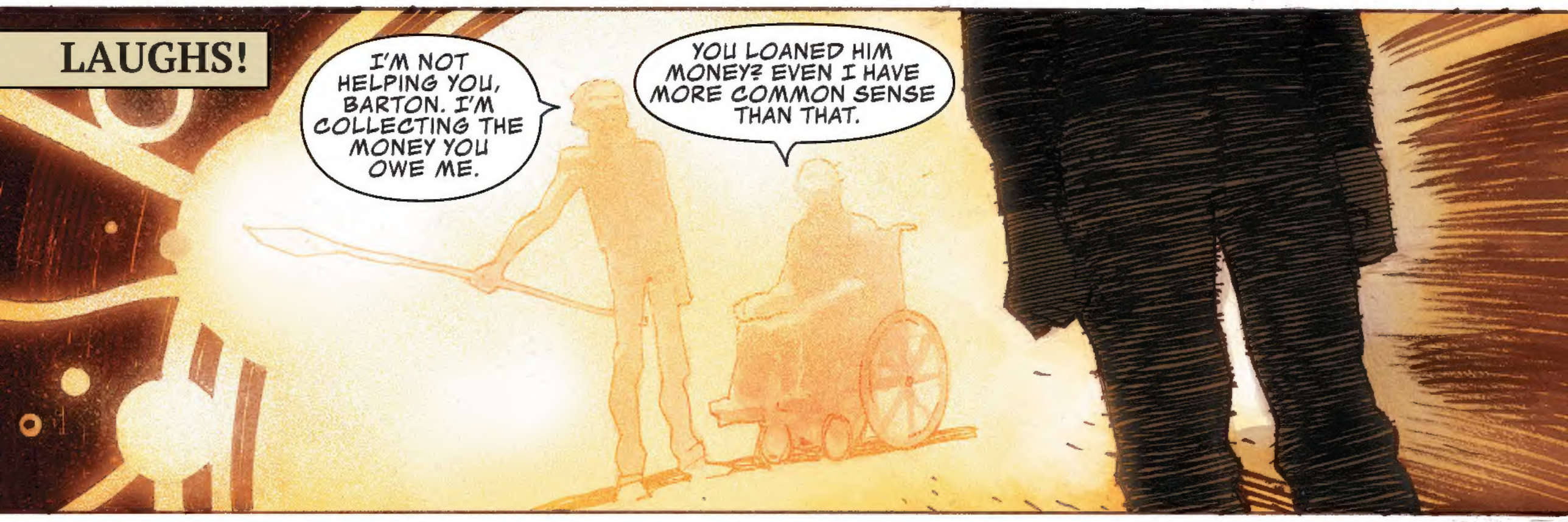

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